

To: Technology Center 2800  
From: Jacqueline J. Garner  
Texas Instruments Incorporated  
Phone: 214-532-9348

Total Pages Sent 10

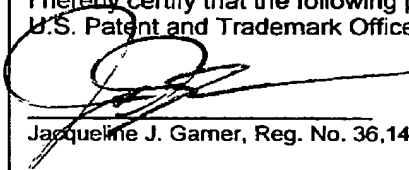
**RECEIVED**  
**CENTRAL FAX CENTER**  
**MAR 29 2005**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: West et al. Art Unit: 2922  
Serial No.: 10/697,137 Examiner: Guerrero, M.  
Filing Date: 10/30/2003 Docket No.: TI-36238  
Customer No.: 23494 Conf. No.: 9756  
Title: METHOD FOR IMPROVING RELIABILITY OF COPPER INTERCONNECTS

**CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that the following papers are being transmitted by facsimile to the  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at 703-872-9306 on the date shown below:

  
Jacqueline J. Garner, Reg. No. 36,144

March 29, 2005  
Date

**FACSIMILE COVER SHEET**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>FACSIMILE COVER SHEET</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>AMENDMENT (7 Pages)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW APPLICATION</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>EOT 3mth (2 Pages)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DECLARATION (# Pages)</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NOTICE OF APPEAL (# Pages)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>ASSIGNMENT (# Pages)</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>APPEAL (# Pages)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>FORMAL DRAWINGS</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>ISSUE FEE (# Pages)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>INFORMAL DRAWINGS</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>REPLY BRIEF (IN TRIPLICATE) (# Pages)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CONTINUATION APP'N (# Pages)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DIVISIONAL APP'N</b>		
<b>NAME OF INVENTOR(S):</b> <b>West et al</b>		<b>RECEIPT DATE &amp; SERIAL NO.:</b>  <b>Serial No.: 10/697,137</b> <b>Filing Date: 10/30/2003</b> <b>Conf. No.: 9756</b>
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION:</b> <b>Method for Improving Reliability . . .</b>		
<b>TI FILE NO.:</b> <b>TI-36238</b>	<b>DEPOSIT ACCT. NO.:</b> <b>20-0668</b>	
<b>FAXED: 3/29/2005</b>		
<b>DUE: 12/30/2004</b>		
<b>ATTY/SEC'Y: JJG</b>		

This facsimile is intended only for the use of the address named and contains legally privileged and/or confidential information. If you are not the intended recipient of this telecopy, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution, copying or use of this communication is strictly prohibited. Applicable privileges are not waived by virtue of the document having been transmitted by Facsimile. Any misdirected facsimiles should be returned to the sender by mail at the address indicated on this cover sheet.

Texas Instruments Incorporated  
PO Box 655474, M/S 3999  
Dallas, TX 75074

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
MAR 29 2005

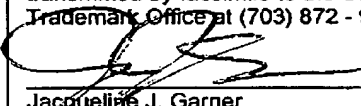
Applicant: West et al. Art Unit: 2922  
Serial No.: 10/697,137 Examiner: Guerrero, M.  
Filing Date: 10/30/2003 Docket No.: TI-36238  
Customer No.: 23494 Conf. No.: 9756  
Title: METHOD FOR IMPROVING RELIABILITY OF COPPER INTERCONNECTS

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that the following papers are being  
transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and  
Trademark Office at (703) 872 - 9306 on 3/29/2005.

  
Jacqueline J. Garner  
Reg. No. 36,144

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are offered in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated 09/30/2004. They are respectfully submitted as a full and complete response to that Action.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

There are no **Amendments to the Specification**.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings**.

The **Remarks** begin on page 5.